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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 10, 1977.

1. IRANIAN AID TO SOMALIA.

AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WAS SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BY
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AZIMA, WHO URGED THAT WE
APPROVE AN IRANIAN SHIPMENT OF US-MADE CARBINES TO SOMALIA.
THE IRANIANS ARE TOTALLY CONFUSED BY OUR POLICY AND FIND
THEMSELVES IN AN EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING POSITION, AS THEIR
MILITARY MISSION HAS ALREADY ARRIVED IN MOGADISCIO. THE
AMBASSADOR SEES NO ALTERNATIVE TO PERMITTING THE IRANIANS
TO SEND THE RIFLES IMMEDIATELY. (TEHRAN 7124, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. ODUBER URGES MEETING OF HEMISPHERIC HEADS OF STATE.

COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER, AT DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR
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YOUNG, SAID HE WAS "GRATIFIED AND MOVED" BY THE PROGRESS
ON THE PANAMA ISSUE, AND URGED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER NOT
ONLY ATTEND THE SIGNING BUT ALSO MEET WITH LATIN AMERICAN
AND CARIBBEAN HEADS OF STATE. EMBASSY GEORGETOWN BELIEVES

THE IDEA MERITS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. (GEORGETOWN 1794,

CONFIDENTIAL)

3. BRAZILIANS PASS SECRETARY'S LETTER TO PARAGUAYANS.

THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL LETTER TO BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA ASKING HELP IN GETTING PARAGUAY TO ADMIT THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WAS PASSED OFFICIALLY BY THE BRAZILIANS TO PARAGUAY. AMBASSADOR LANDAU SAYS PRESIDENT STROESSNER AND HIS MINISTERS WERE IRRITATED BY THE LETTER, BUT HE FEELS THE EPISODE WILL NOT AFFECT THEIR DECISION. (ASUNCION 3278, CONFIDENTIAL)

4. WALID KHALIDI: US POLICY BOLD, PLO SKITTISH.

WALID KHALIKI, DIRECTOR OF BEIRUT'S INSTITUTE OF PALESTINE STUDIES, EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AND RESPECT FOR THE BOLDNESS AND SPEED WITH WHICH US POLICY WAS MOVING TOWARD THE CORE ISSUES, BUT WORRIED THAT THE PLO COULD BE LEFT ON A LIMB IF IT RECOGNIZES ISRAEL WITHOUT ASSURANCES OF FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. THE KEY ASSURANCE WOULD BE A US DEFINITION OF "HOMELAND," IN RETURN FOR WHICH THE PLO COULD PRIVATELY TELL US IT ACCEPTS "A QUALIFIED SOVEREIGNTY." (BEIRUT 3907, SECRET/EXDIS)

5. FRENCH OFFICIAL ACCENTUATES THE POSITIVE.

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HARTMAN PRESIDENT GISCARD'S NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF FRENCH DOMESTIC POLITICS. HE ALSO CONFIRMED GISCARD WANTS BARRE'S VISIT TO BE SUCCESSFUL. (PARIS 23217, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS) CHRISTOPHER

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